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In the matter of pronunciation the times are changing, and one can scarcely keep pace with the innovations being

introduced by the leading orthoepists The purpose of this paper is, how-ever, to present, in a succinct way, a

"store," "four," — which are pro-nounced "mo," "sto, "and "fo."
"What o'clock is it?" you ask the

Carolinian, and ten to one he tells you

Another common Southernism is the

"She looked like she knew me," is a

mon in Washington, and in all the

States South of Mason and Dixon's

The word "funny" is frequently used instead of strange, and sometimes with

A young Southern girl was visiting us once, and a caller was telling of the

death of her mother through swallow-

ing a fishbone.
"Oh! wasn't it funny?" exclaimed

our visitor, at the close of the narra-

"I think you mean strange," said

the caller, as soon as she recovered from the astonishment. Our girl friend has never used the word "funny"

is not a Russian word, as might be sup-

The expression "Do don't" is heard

One of the most laughable things you

pronunciation phonetically. It sounds like abaout—pronounced very quickly in three syllables.

"Quare," for "queer," is another word. The use of "recken," for "presume," is said to have been derived.

from the Yankees, as was the expres-sion "right smart" for the word "much."

In imitation of the English, perhaps,

is the custom of saving "I've got it" for "I have it," and the general use of the word "got" where it is quite unneces-

Also English is the use of "obliged,"

as "I'm obliged to do it," for "I must do it;" "he is obliged to go" for "he must go."

Ambiguity of expression is too prev-

alent in Dixie, and too many people

sacrifice sense for sound.

Low-country people and the residents of middle South Carolina say "geenrien" for "garden, "gee-yard" for "guard," with the hard sound of "g."

So, too, with such words as "card," "car," and "cart," into which is introduced the sound of "kee," to take the

place of the first cons nant, thus; "Kre-

win and South Carolina, but

startling effect

djear?"

rarely disconhere.

few of the quaintnesses of pronun tion and construction held to by the Southern people as a class. Among these the first that comes to

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ard," "kee-ar," "kee-art."

The use of delightful for delicious in such a sentence as: "The ice cream is delightful," is very common.

"Pretty" is a word very often misused, for instance: "Isn't this a pretty day?"—and this error is a very general one. MCKEE & PATTEN Dentists. Teeth extracted without pair tificial teeth, \$3.50. Office 217 East Dougla lehits, Kan.

one.

North Carolinians say the scenery is "pretty"—meaning picturesque; the day is "pretty"—meaning fine, and that a person's manners are "pretty"—meaning well-bred.

"You all," or, as it should be abbreviated "y'll," is one of the most ridiculous of all the Southernisms I can call to mind. It negally means two or more

to mind. It usually means two or more persons, but is sometimes used when only one person is meant.

For instance, a caller, on taking her departure, says: "Y'll must come to see us." She means the lady upon whom she is calling and her husband may call.-[Dixie.]

Golden-Mouthed Cattle. MRS. S T. HENDRICKSON. Zeigler, of the meat market on South C street, killed a steer the other day whose teeth were completely incrusted with gold and silver bullion.

The animal came from a ranch on Carson River, and the precious metal on the enamel of the teeth doubtless accumulated from drinking the water of the river, which is impregnate i with the tailings from the mills reducing Comstock ores.

This circumstance is not new, however, as Sam Davis mentioned something similar before in the Carson Appeal. Most of the cattle along the river have their teeth afflicted in the same Most of the cattle along the river

Their owners might scrape off quite a revenue from them if they had any financial sense.—[Virginia City (Nev.)

The town girl can ride a horse with more grace than her country cousin, but the latter can stay in the saddle longer.— Marietta (Ga.) Journal.

APPETIZERS.

Arkansaw backwoods school teacher (to boy): "Did you want to come to school?"

Boy: "Wan't hurtin' ter come."
Teacher: "But you thought it better
to get an education, eh?"
Boy: "Didn't think er nuff uv it ter Teacher: "Then why did you

Boy: " Wall, dad he said I had ter plow ther new groun' with er bull tongue er go ter school, it didn't matter er blame which, so I come ter school, thinking I'd try it er few

Teacher: "How do you like it as far as you've got?"
Boy: "Ain't dead in love with it."
Teacher: " Here, take this book now

and let me teach you your letters."

Boy: "Ain't got no letters. Sis is ther only one on ther place that gits Teacher: "I mean that you must

learn the alphabet." Boy (contemptuously): "Whut, all them marks?"

Teacher: "Yes."
Boy (taking up his hat): "Wall, er good-bye. I'd ruther rassle with ther bull tongue."—[Arkansaw Traveler.

Tietics but Not Tactics.

Mr. Webster used to tell a story at the expense of Peter Little, who had in early life repaired clocks and watches, but who had for some years represented a Maryland district in the House. mind is the custom of omitting the last two letters of such words as "more," "store," "four," — which are pro-Oneday he had the temerity to move

to amend a resolution by John Ran-dolph on the subject of military

Mr. Randolph rose up after the amendment had been offered, and, drawing his watch from his fob, asked t is "half-pas' fo', " if that happens to the honorable Peter what o'clock it was. He told him. "Sir," replied the orator, "you can

use of "like as if," or "like" for the words "as if." mend my watch, but not my motions. You understand ticties, sir, but not tactics." common expression, or, "she looked like as if she'd die." This is very com-

Little George on the Alert.

The Guntersons are a large family and given to hospitality, and the children know what it is to be turned out of their rooms and places at table to accommodate a sudden housefull of

Two friends of the Spiritualist de-nomination were calling there one day, and mentioned to the head of the family that the following Sunday the spirit of Theodore Parker would be in town, and would spend the night at

Much-enduring little George, sitting at his father's knee, hereupon whispered loud enough for all to hear: "He can't have my bed."—[Harper's Bazar.

If you happen to hear any body say "iye cheer" you may know it is intended to mean "right here." For instance: A South Carolinian will say, "Where was he at last night?" and his fellow-citizen will say, "He staid rye cheer Bob: "Have you sold your humorous article to any newspaper yet?"
Sam: "I've shown it to several editors, but none of them have bought Djear-pronounced in one syllable-

Bob: "Perhaps they don't think it funny enough."
Sam: "Oh, yes they do, for they all laughed."—[Texas Siftings. posed; it means "Do you hear?" and is usually addressed to servants in this form: "You Jim! Bring in that wood,

To get to go" is essentially a Geor-Kill or Cure Remedy. gia exp cession. They say:
"Do don't fail to come to-night," Customer, in the last stages of bronand the reply is: "I've tried to get to go three weeks now, so I reckon I'll be there t'night." "Give me some rum and gum for

this horrible cough.' Polite bar-tender: "Try our superfine rock and rye, and it will be ended in twenty-four hours." Customer, gasping: "If it's as fatal as that, I'd rather not." ever heard is the pseudiar pronuncia-tion of the word "about." It is impos-sible to express the South Carolinian"

Natural Pride.

Mrs. Pry: "Those Watkinses must be awfully poor people."
Mr. P.: "Why? How so?" Mrs. Pry: "They never give a beggar anything—never!"
Mr. P.: "Do you?"
Mrs. Pry: "No; but it isn't because
I haven't plenty."

Sweeping Satisfaction.

"What evidence have you that you are a (hristian?" said Mr. Spurgeon to

a working-girl. "I now sweep under the mats," she replied.
"That," said the great preacher, "is sufficient."—[Tid-Bits.

Great Capitalist.

A tramp who was meeting his clothes remarked to a passer-by that he was onliged to spend a great deal of time in looking after his rents.

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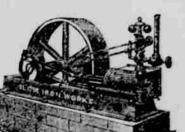
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